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a revenue producing bill. The expenditures will be to three agencies. The Nebraska State Patrol, which conducts a national criminal history record check, that is a total of \$33. And the language in the bill allows that to rise within up to \$50. The Department of Motor Vehicles will maintain a database, and that is taken care of. And the Department of Health and Human Services will maintain a database of mental health commitments for the past five years. You may remember, in the bill it originally had a ten-year history. They already maintain a five-year history which is accessible to the State Patrol. This fiscal note shows a positive balance in each year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Senator Tyson got cloture on his underlying bill. I don't know if he can do cloture on this A bill. But I'm not going to push him to that. I just want him to know that I could mess with it if I wanted to. But we do have other fish to fry at this time. But here's something I do want to point out. A letter came to me today where the Sheriffs' Association officially went on record against this bill because of all the things they're being required to do in the bill. Senator Thompson had raised some of those issues. I had talked about the liability issue. And some of the things that are required ought to be required, like if somebody has a mental problem or has had one. But can you put all of that on the sheriffs? And the sheriffs don't want it. That's not why they became sheriffs. And when, in order to get a bad bill, you just look at all the things that ought to be done, and then dump them on the agency or entity that seems least able to object, that is not good policy. Probably everybody is going to get a copy of that letter. But if anybody doesn't get one, I'll make sure that you see it. Young Senator Mossey thinks he's done a great thing by persuading the police not to oppose it. But I'm hearing rumblings of criticisms about the police for being so foolish as to say, put more guns in Omaha. And it's the Omaha police division that Senator Mossey is speaking for and representing and has worked with, to say that they're for putting guns, more guns, into Omaha. So on this floor, there are things that you may not be made aware of